

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

APPLICATION OF **IPC NETWORK SERVICES, INC.**)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE RESOLD)
LOCAL EXCHANGE AND RESOLD LONG)
DISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)
AND FOR FLEXIBLE REGULATION OF ITS LOCAL)
EXCHANGE SERVICES AND ALTERNATIVE)
REGULATION OF ITS LONG DISTANCE)
SERVICE OFFERINGS)

DOCKET NO. 2006-55-C

**MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Pursuant to Commission Order No. 2005-226, IPC Network Services, Inc. ("Company" or "Applicant") hereby moves the Commission to treat as confidential the financial statements of the Company that were filed with the Company's Application in the above-referenced Docket, an additional copy of which is enclosed in the envelope included with this Motion. The Company acknowledges that the Commission often permits disclosure and publication of financial statements of applicants. However, because the Company provides a highly specialized service to a niche market with fewer competitors than in the general interexchange or local services markets, disclosure of the Company's financial information would have an adverse effect on its ability to compete.

The niche market served by the Company is trading companies (such as energy or stock traders) that need near-instantaneous communications. The Company meets their needs using dedicated private line services connected at both ends to equipment provided by the Company. While there are other entities that provide this same service, using their own platforms, their number is estimated by the Company to be less than 10. Accordingly, disclosure of the Company's financial information would provide these competitors with information about the Company's revenues, overhead, profit and resources, and could lead them to take measures that negatively impact the Company's ability to compete for the business of its niche customers. If that were to happen, South Carolina could face reduced competition in the specialized market served by the Company, to the detriment of end user customers.

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For the reasons stated above, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Company's motion for confidential treatment of its financial statements.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. M. Lynch', written in a cursive style.

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